



PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 09430.0001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the final Office action mailed September 30, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this Request for Reconsideration. Applicants request entry of the Amendment because it places the application in condition for allowance, or it will reduce the number of issues for appeal. This reply is due by December 30, 2004, and is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.

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